Sl. No.	Name of State/ District	Amount Released	Amount Utilised
Chhattisgarh			
1.	Sarguja	87.00	39.69
2.	Durg	190.97	173.84
3.	Raigarh	159.76	24.84
4.	Raipur	134.88	84.12
5.	Rajnandgaon	190.07	80.75
6.	Mahasamund	74.40	
7.	Durg-II	72.73	Projects sanctioned recently in 2000-2001
8.	Raipur-II	53.82	
9.	Rajnandgaon-II	72.47	

Implementation of Annapurna Scheme by States

†4064. SHRI LAJPAT RAI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the States where 'Annapurna Scheme' announced by Government in recent past has been introduced;

(b) the States which have not implemented it;

(c) whether the families that are to be covered under the scheme have been identified in such States; and

(d) the main objective of the scheme and the details of steps taken by Government to ensure its full implementation by all States of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU) : (a) to (c) The States which are currently implementing the Annapurna Scheme are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The States of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Tamil Nadu have informed that they are not implementing the Scheme. The remaining States/Union Territories are in the process of identifying the beneficiaries.

(d) The Annapurna Scheme aims at providing food security to meet the requirement of those senior citizens who though eligible, have remained uncovered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS). 10 Kgs of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

foodgrains per month are to be provided free of cost to the beneficiary. The States who are in the process of identifying the beneficiaries have been advised to expedite the process for the implementation of the Scheme.

Beneficiaries of Annapurna Yojana

4065. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of State-wise beneficiaries in the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 of Annapurna Scheme introduced in 1999-2000;

(b) the amount of money spent State-wise during the above two years;

(c) whether the senior citizens eligible for the National Age Pension Scheme are also covered in this; and

(d) if so, what is the number ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The Annapurna Scheme was introduced in the year 2000-01. The States of Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have informed that they are not implementing the Annapurna Scheme. The number of beneficiaries in those States which are implementing the Scheme and the expenditure incurred by them are given in the statement, (*See* below). The remaining States are still in the process of identifying the beneficiaries.

(c) and (d) To be eligible for the benefit under the Annapurna Scheme, the senior citizens should be destitutes, aged 65 years and above and though eligible to receive pension under National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), are currently not receiving it. The Scheme aims at covering, in the first instance, only 20% of the persons targeted for coverage under NOAPS.

Statement

State-wise number of beneficiaries and expenditure incurred in 2001

States/UTs	No. of Beneficiaries	Expenditure incurred in 2000-01 (Rs. in crores)
Andhra Pradesh	93200	7.35
Kerala	44980	0.53
Orissa	51176	3.12